

Minutes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2000

Board Members Present: Chairperson Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Lao Rubert, CJPC; Evester Bailey, Durham Center; Riley Butler, Community Penalties; Gayle Harris, Health Department;

Board Members Absent: James W. Ellis, Judicial District Mgr. Probation, Orlando Hudson, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge; Ellen Reckhow, County Commissioner; Jim Hardin, District Attorney; Robert Brown, Public Defender; Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Brian Aus, Attorney At Law; Carolyn Titus, Interim County Manager; Kenneth Titus, Chief District Court Judge; Rita B. Parker

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, and Tishri P. Gibson

Guests: Sam Boyd, CJPP; Ann McKown, District Court Judge, Theresa Jones, DCC

The meeting was called to order by Judge Brown.

The minutes for the July 19, 2000 meeting were approved unanimously.

Jo Iverson provided an update on current developments and program statistics.

Program statistics were reported as follows: in July there were 16 new admissions, 1 completion, and 9 terminations, with a total of 123 enrolled. In August there were 14 new admissions, 1 completion, and 20 terminations, with a total of 116 enrolled. The majority of "Just Us", and 2nd Chance referrals are direct from Probation. The majority of DRC referrals are direct court orders, which provide more leverage when clients are non-compliant. CJRC staff is working with Therron Dennis and Felicia McLean from DCC regarding client participation and non-compliance. There is a need for quality referrals and support from probation. Lao Rubert requested an update on efforts to coordinate with probation an increase in the length of stay and to reduce terminations. CJRC has two probation officers on-site and staff has met with DCC Felicia McLean and Therron Dennis to discuss collaboration and mutual assistance. CJRC will have two PPO II handling all 'I' cases, one PPO I handling all 'C' cases and one Intensive Officer who will be assigned all Intensive Cases at CJRC.

"Just Us" received a new Governor's Crime Commission Grant. The Budget amendment was approved to extend the current grant to September 30, 2000. Some funds in personnel and contractual will revert. A Workforce Investment Act Grant was received through the Youth Coordinating Board for paid work experience for 16-20 year-olds. Clients have to meet income criteria, the positions will be part-time, and a component of the last phase in the program.

\$3,721.38 in unspent CJPP funds were reverted for the last fiscal year, most of which was in personnel. At the CJPP Conference in Asheville, Jo and Gudrun presented in the DRC Workshop, and Robin and PPO Ken Lewis presented in CBI Workshop.

Employment Assistance Services are going well, in August there were thirteen participants with a total of seven placements. On September 28, 2000, CJPP will host a Program Graduation and Achievement Day in the County Commissioners Chambers. The Juvenile Day Reporting Center will be starting in early October. CJRC had a visit from the International Visitor Council on August 22, six visitors from six countries. The program schedule has been revised and was implemented in September. The major change was unemployed offenders do not move through phases any longer, they will stay in the first phase until they become employed, unless there is a disability or a specific reason. In the overall county budget for FY 99/00 6.51% remained unspent, and there is a 2.08% overall increase for FY 00/01.

Sam Boyd updated the Board on current DCC/CJPP developments and discretionary money. It was reported that counties are spending over 90% of allocated funds, any unspent funds are reverted into discretionary money. CJPP received applications in July for those funds, and response letters were sent out in September to approximately 16 counties. There is money available, but it will not be granted out as

discretionary funds. The question was posed would there be another application period? Only the DOC Secretary could decide the reopening of the discretionary application process. The Board discussed preventive measures for future applications for discretionary money. Board members requested that a notice regarding the availability of funds be sent to the county and to board chairs. Judge Brown and Lao Rubert will compose a letter to the Secretary regarding the remaining discretionary funds. If board members have any questions regarding funds or discretionary money they can contact Sam Boyd or Adriene Reeseey.

Judge Brown lead the discussion in the various topics to be included in the revised Community-Based Corrections Plan. There will be a meeting in two weeks with board members who have special sections of the plan along with anyone else who would like to meet, so revisions can be made to the drafts. There will be a special meeting in November with Advisory Board members to consider the revised plan to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in November/December after the elections. The final draft approval should be at the CJPP meeting on December 20, 2000, and be presented to the BOCC in January 2001.

The next Advisory Board meeting was set for Wednesday, December 20th at CJRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.